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DANIEL AGAIN SEEKS JUDGMENT

AND GETS IT

"A Daniel come to judgment, 'Yea a Daniel!

O wise young judge, how do I honor thee!"

—Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice.

We are in receipt of a courteous and considerate letter from Oscar H. Regensburg, secretary of the N. A. D., and erstwhile member of the executive committee, which he privily requests us to print. Being extremely anxious to accommodate, and equally anxious to avoid giving cause for libel suits, we print it forthwith, exactly as written, poor grammar and incorrect punctuation unchanged and unedited:

Daniel and Daniels.

The Bible lesson by "J. F. M." on "Daniel" was fine and set me thinking. I at once repented the errors of my way and decided to become a good pious Christian, and keep away from Lions that Daniel met. I knew "J. F. M." and his excellent wife to be members of the Epworth League, an example worthy of following, so I had Rev. T. Ellis, the national head of the League, tell me more of "Daniel and Daniels." Here is what he wrote in parts that makes me feel kindly disposed toward "J. F. M." for tagging on me a great name so replete with earnest endeavors.

OSCAR H. REGENSBURG.

Accompanying it is a two column sermon clipped from a newspaper, of which we can only give a stick full or two. The parts in parenthesis are our own.

"To have a name that will not die, but through unnumbered centuries stand as synonym for honor, is the highest form of fame and success.

(Yes, Reggy, that must be the kind of a name you are endeavoring to acquire—at President Hanson's expense.)

It is reliably reported that the jelly-fish has no considerable enemies. But the Daniels all have. Every man of force will evoke antagonism; stalwart righteousness is always hated by the forces of evil. Part of life's philosophy should be a practical method of dealing with the jealous, the back-biting, the plotting, and the openly antagonistic persons whom one meets in the course of life.

(Olof has the practical method all right. See page one of our last issue.)

This creed should surely include Daniel's way, which is expressed by

the modern saying, "Be sure you're right, then go ahead."

(He is going ahead, isn't he, Reggy?)

Any fool can get along in the steam-heated and plush-upholstered civilization of our modern city life, provided he has a father to pay his bills. But it takes a real man to win against adversity. Hard times winnow out the soft men. Detractors usually land in the den they have designed for the defamed.

(And that is e-x-a-c-t-l-y where you and Georgie will soon land, Reggy.)

As usual you are on the wrong track, Reggy. To begin with, the writer is not and never was a member of the Epworth League, the Knights of Columbus nor the Russian Nihilists. Nor did we dub you Daniel from any scriptural motives. The fact is, common politeness prevented us from publicly casting you in the stellar role of "The Merchant of Venice" (Venice, Cal.).

The parallel, good Shylock, is complete. Hatred of the lawfully elected President has ruled your every official act. Pound after pound has he lost in ceaseless, anxious endeavors to undo the mischief your beloved fingers wrought. A pound of flesh? Nay, twice ten pounds! Unsatable and unsated you crave yet more. Crave and crave away!

"A second Daniel, a Daniel, Jew!

Now, infidel, I have thee on the hip!"

J. F. M.

MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

That the Minneapolis deaf are doing their part in the campaign to educate the public in regard to the deaf is evinced by the following from the St. Paul Pioneer Press of July 7th:

EXHIBITS OF DEAF QUITE REMARKABLE

An "interview" with the representatives of the Minneapolis Association of the Deaf at the State fair is an interesting experience. The association has one of the best exhibits in the Woman's building, which perhaps has drawn larger crowds than any other display on the grounds. Several hundred specimens of mechanical and art work are shown.

J. L. Smith of Faribault is in charge of the display, assisted by J. C. Howard of Duluth, Anton Schroeder of St. Paul, Miss Kathryn Gleser of St. Paul and Miss Edna Vandegrift of Austin.

Mr. Smith, in charge of the exhibit, "said" via the note book and pencil yesterday:

"This is not a school exhibit. It is the work of the adult deaf of the state,

prepared at our own expense. We wanted to show the public we can live and work just like other people. Everything in the booth represents the occupation or handiwork of the deaf.

It is the first exhibit of the kind ever shown in the U. S. There have been school exhibits, but never an independent exhibit of this kind. It took its months to arrange it. We have made no attempt toward a classified exhibit. Every one represented has chosen his or her own designs and executed them according to individual judgment. The object in view is to correct, to some extent, certain erroneous conceptions about the deaf as a class."

Among the exhibitors are Vera Gammon, deaf and blind; Ernest Bingham; A. R. Spear and Miss Myrtle Hammond, now of Seattle.

Anton Schroeder of St. Paul is at the exhibit personally demonstrating his labor-saving devices for women, including ironing board stand and all his line of hardware, storm windows and screens, invented and patented by him, and used all over the country.

Rev J. Salvner, pastor of the Devin City Deaf preached his weekly sermon to the about 45 Minneapolis deaf at the Y. M. C. A. building Sunday Sept 3rd. Mr. Salvner is not a "standpatter, and in his sermon on Worldliness" he made several good hits.

J. S. Bowen, one of the Congregation, came up from "the farm" to enjoy the sermon and "the biggest show on earth," the Minneapolis State Fair.

Considering what the Minnesota Deaf can do when they get their heads together as they have at the State Fair, what would they have done should they have attempted to land that 1913 convention.

Verna Gammon, the Helen Keller of Minnesota, who was one of the star attractions at the Delavan Convention, is like her teacher, Miss Blanche Hansen, a resident of St. Paul. The reporters of the local dailies see to it that Verna gets plenty of advertising.

J. H. McF.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Miss Brunning, an oral teacher in the Ohio school, was here in July and met several old Eastern friends.

Miss Shattuck of San Francisco was the guest of Miss Shea during vacation and declared she liked Los Angeles better than Frisco. Both young ladies went back to Berkeley, which opened Aug. 23.

Joe B. Bumgardner has returned to Santa Fe, N. M., after a vacation at the beaches.

While returning from work in a basket factory, A. E. Volker of Glendale was struck by a gasoline motor car on the Salt Lake railroad at Tropic last August while walking on the tracks. He has since been confined to bed at home with very serious bodily injuries.

Mr. George E. Moses of Santa Ana dropped in this city last week.

In honor of their fifth wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Dyson had the pleasure of a large company of mute friends on the evening of August 25. The couple received a large number of wooden articles. Games were won by Mr. Doane, Leon Fiske, Mrs. Wornnstaff, Milton Miller and Miss Lynch.

Mr. Clark and family of Berkeley visited their relatives in Garvanza.

Arthur Koenigsthal, a former Alabaman, but now of San Francisco, was a week caller here last August.

An interesting program was well attended at the Literary Auxiliary meeting August 26. "Bits of Science" by Mr. Price.

Debate—"Resolved, That it would be best for the deaf to live in the country."

Affirmative, Mr. Mills, Miss Ida Miller; negative, Mr. F. Ellis, Mrs. Himmelschein.

Declamation by Mrs. Omar Smith.

Clemence Myers appeared again last August, after one year's absence, taking the place of Theo. Helstrom at a fruit market.

Crawford Wallace has been in San Jose with his brother and sister since last July.

Some of their friends were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Abe Himmelschein for their wedding reception at the home of Edmond Price. Refreshments were served in good taste.

Robert C. Hawvichorst is in Spreckels, Calif., where he must be doing something for his business.

Winfred C. Mortimer and Miss Kenworth announced their engagement last August.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilley of Burlingame arrived here last week to visit friends. Mr. Tilley stayed several days, then returned home, leaving his wife to remain about ten days longer.

It was coincide that Mrs. J. Frederick Meagher fell in love with her husband in Seattle through his poem. Last August one of the local dailies printed a long account of the romance, also their pictures, which greatly interested the readers here. Good luck goes with them in their life.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Doane gave a dozen ladies an informal reception in honor of Mrs. Tilley, Sept. 6th.

Miss Neil of Pomona is passing a week-end with Mrs. Tilley in the city and takes her home to keep her com-

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellis were at Bert Ellis' ranch last week. Frank helped Bert to fix things up. Mrs. Frank Ellis helped Mrs. Bert Ellis can some fruit.

The Los Angeles Division No. 27, N. F. S. D., will arrange a good program of addresses to be given at Club Amapola's hall on Saturday night, Sept. 23, under Chairman Cole of Redondo Beach. Admission will be charged for the benefit of the local fund.

Mrs. William Beckmann had a nice birthday party last July. Mrs. F. W. Sibitzky managed the affair for her.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Russell moved North three weeks ago and settled on their ranch.

Thos. King was in San Francisco last August seeking a job in vain. Upon starting to get on the steamer President to come back home he met with a very bad accident, the left side of his face being struck by a loading lifter. He was ready to sue the company, but they settled with him. They gave him fifty dollars, including doctor bill. Mr. King was well after a week, and looks as natural as usual.

A mute by the name of Ed. Dilg of Long Beach, who has lived there over a year, did not know there were many mutes or any societies until last July, when he, accompanied by W. L. Wead, called at the club headquarters for the first time. He is from the Sucker state. He was surprised to meet his old schoolmates here.

S. T. Walker is now the superintendent of the Mission School for the Deaf. It shows his love for deaf work. He was well remembered by us when he was visiting here two years ago.

The club, under the direction of Edmond M. Price, conducted the drawing of numbered cards on Sept. 2nd. The proceeds were nettable to swell the fund.

The mock trial at the club hall was arranged by Messrs. Joel Harris and Wm. Cole, Sept. 9. It was laughable and admirable.

Mr. William Ward joined the Knights de Lepu lately.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dean and daughters have been passing their vacation with Saxton Gilmore and family at Alamitos Bay.

TACOMA.

That was a pretty roast we got from Seattle's generous hearted item writer. But it was a little overdone. And tough!

The plain unadorned facts of our fizzled picnic at American Lake, Aug. 20th, are these:

1st. We had not announced anything especial; merely an informal picnic. If it wasn't informal, what was it?

2nd. All were advised to bring well pany this week.

filled lunch baskets. If they didn't, who is to blame?

3rd. The guest of honor was not regaled on stale buns, but on Graham wafers and bread and butter, delicious coffee, and, yes, sir, let it be known—watermelon. With plenty of what there was and a good appetite, what more could one wish?

With such a large crowd from Seattle we cannot understand why there wasn't a good time. There was the lake, and boats and everything else necessary, according to our thinking, for the making of a red letter day. By one of those coincidences occasionally happening, most of the others counted upon to help make the picnic a success were absent for good and sufficient reasons, not knowing but that everyone else would be at the picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammond had to remain at home and take care of Mr. Duncanson, who is a helpless invalid, while Mrs. Duncanson was away on a visit to her son, Orville. Mr. and Mrs. Wade thought it would rain. Mr. Foster was sick. Mrs. Otha Minnick, ditto. Mrs. Seeley had a previous engagement. Of the others we do not know, but if those named above had been there the Seattleites would have had a good time or never returned to Seattle to tell the tale.

Mr. John Thomas has invested some of his surplus cash in a thoroughbred Jersey cow, which is said to be a fine milker and a money-maker.

Miss Burnett was a caller on Miss Siegel last week.

Dwight Chase secured a job at the Old Town mill last week, but threw it up after two and a half days. It evidently didn't agree with him.

Miss Burnett spent Sunday afternoon and evening with the Wades.

Mrs. Seeley entertained Mrs. Wade at lunch Tuesday. Mrs. Wade noticed some sprays of green among some flowers in a bowl and asked what they were. "I don't know. I told Beulah to put some kind of foliage with them. She has a knack at that sort of thing," said Mrs. S.

"They are real pretty. It seems to me I've seen them before somewhere," said Mrs. Wade.

"Yes, they are rather pretty. Some sort of weed, I suppose. They look rather familiar to me, too. Here, Beulah, where did you get this green stuff?"

"Those are carrot tops out of the garden," said Beulah.

And then, Mrs. Seeley, the amateur gardener, and Mrs. Wade, who ought to know, if anyone should, what a carrot top is—collapsed.

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Robert Erd
Has been wed,
So I heard—
So I read.
Drain the glass
Full of joy,
Lucky lass
Bonny boy;
Every friend,
Far or near,
Good wills send—
Never fear.

Greetings glad,
Blithe and gay,
To the lad
Far away.
Wishes best,
To the girl,
From the west
Where the purl
Of the tide
Swinging in
Bids the bride
Haste, begin.

—J. FREDERICK MEAGHER.

STOPS THE OBSERVER

A deaf mute in Illinois writes to friend Christensen to stop his Observer. "I have just bought a new automobile and can't afford it," he writes. Without desiring to appear pertinent let us remark the Observer is a fine advertising medium for scrap autos—cheap rates, sure returns. Obituaries free.

LABOR DAY PICNIC.

Despite the chilly weather, there were quite a number of the deaf at Alki Point Labor Day. The water was cold but Pres. Hanson did not seem to mind it for he stayed in longer than any one else. After lunch he piloted the crowd to Schmitz Park which was new to most of them. This park is an ideal place for a picnic and the deaf have their eyes on it for the next one. While taking a rest there, each was asked to tell a Baron Munchausen story. After that a vote was taken to see who was the biggest liar. Mrs. Hanson beat out her hubby by one vote with this story: "Last July I was sitting on the porch of our cottage at Vashon Island, I heard a noise and turning around I saw a rattlesnake. It coiled itself up and raising its head high in air, touched its breast with its tail and actually said in the sign language, 'Glad to see you.' Then it ran away."

DEAF PRINTERS STAY AWAY FROM COAST

With the inauguration of "colonists rates" from the east \$33.00 Chicago to Seattle, let us warn Union printers in all sincerity—stay away!

All along the coast come reports of more printers than there is a demand for—in other words jobs are growing scarcer and the available force of competent compositors larger.

Unscrupulous coast employers are inserting advertisements in eastern papers "Printers wanted steady work, good pay." And meanwhile merchants are sending more and more work to the eastern print shops with their lower cost of output.

All along the coast employers and Unions are preparing for a gigantic and pitiless struggle; a strike that is liable to be called at any moment. The explosion of the "Los Angeles Times" plant is still fresh in the public mind.

Wages here are high—so is the cost of living. The fact that job compositors get \$24.50 a week of 8 hours and newspaper compositors receive \$33.00 for a seven hour day means that the cream of the fraternity flocks here. As the "priority law" of the Union is strictly enforced (first come first served) it will be seen that the influx of more men means just that many more idle hands. And what chance have deaf workmen against unhandicapped printers—the pick of their craft—when it takes from 4 to 8 years to climb from "cub" to the position of a "regular" after once getting a star?

UNEXPECTED POLITENESS.

"I notice," said the young man's employer, "that you are always about the first in the office in the mornings."

"Thank you, sir."

"Why do you thank me?"

"For nothing it."—Ex.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

Expense Account of Olof Hanson, from Aug. 26, 1910 to Aug. 31, 1911:

1910.		
Aug. 26	Blank paper for correspondence	\$.50
	Carbon paper for manifolding35
	Stamps.....	1.00
Oct. 3, 23	Stamps.....	1.50
Nov. 7	Carbon paper25
	17 Delivery of telegram from Rothert35
Dec. 8.	Stamps50
Dec. 17	Copying of Hartford paper50
Dec. 17, 1911.	Carbon paper and stamps.....	1.25
Jan. 15, 27, Feb. 8,	Stamps.....	1.25
Feb. 8.	Carbon paper and blank paper75
Feb. 22.	Circular of Information No. 5, "Schools for Deaf not Charitable Institutions" 500 copies.....	6.50
Feb. 8.	1M Letter heads for President.....	4.50
	1M Letter Heads for Ex. Com.....	2.75
	Postage on above to Ex. Com	1.10
March 3 and 23	Stamps.....	1.69
April 10.	Night telegram to Gov. Aldrich, Neb.....	.90
April 12.	Carbon paper.....	.25
May 9 June 12.	Stamps.....	2.00
June 12.	Application blanks and Circular "Why the Deaf should Join the N. A. D." Paper \$2.00, Make up and use of presses \$4.50, (Press work amounting to \$5.00 donated by Olof Hanson.).....	6.50
June 12, 16.	Postage.....	.30
	12. Night telegram, Tilton..	.75
July 6.	Account Book.....	.40
	Circular of Information No. 6, "Resolutions on Sign Language." Typesetting .50, paper .50. (Make up and press work valued at \$4.00 donated by Ernest Swangren	1.00
July and Aug.	Typewriting and copying Total Expenses.....	.80
	Total.....	\$37.54

OMAHA WINS STRAW VOTE.

The last meeting of the P. S. A. D. witnessed a very spirited debate anent the location of the next convention of the N. A. D.

Mrs. Meagher and C. K. McConnell argued for Omaha while A. W. Wright, of "move to adjourn" fame, held forth for Cleveland. Business like Ernest Swangren supported Kalamazoo and Jimmy Meagher, an ex-Kentuckian, Patrick Henryized in favor of Atlanta. Pres. Hanson summed up in a fair and impartial manner, and after Jimmy had vainly endeavored to stampede the assemblage into favoring Atlanta the election returns resulted this;

Omaha 18, Cleveland 5, Kalamazoo 3, Atlanta 1. And then somebody wanted to fight. Only one vote!

LOCAL ITEMS

Going back to school.

Grace Zeigler is visiting in Everett.

Arthur Classen left for Gallaudet to day.

Mr. and Mrs. Meagher enjoyed an all day trip through the Hood Canal.

Cleon Morris will be a post graduate at the Vancouver school with Gallaudet as her goal.

Messrs. Root, Gumaer, Christenson and Meagher took part in the Labor Day parade.

Albert Hole has been giving the boys rides on his motor cycle around the city and vicinity.

Yea, verily I say unto you, Mr. and Mrs. Hanson are now installed in their new mansion up on the hill. Selah!

Lottie Gustin is doing nicely as a „Hello girl.” She was promoted and got a raise of pay last week.

Mrs. Swangren is in North Yakima on some business and meanwhile will be the guest of Mrs. Haire and Mrs. Litherland.

Root and Christenson are deep in law suits (not in libel suits) and have already published several neat legal briefs.

Roy Harris remembered Albert Hole's birthday by tendering him a surprise party Sept. 6. There were fourteen to help make the affair enjoyable.

M. O. Smith is telling his friends how busy he is. He really is, for the school is open; you know how fast those soulless children wear out their soles.

David Turrill came here from Vancouver, B. C. to take his wife back with him on Labor Day. He has a steady job as carpenter, good until Spring.

A. W. Wright is back in the P. I. chapel. The missus and young will remain on the Wright ranch at Tieton until Oct. Al. reports crops excellent.

Mrs. Scott has been quite ill and S. Coder also is on the sick list. Though absent from work for fifteen days, he drew full pay. Some people are indeed lucky!

After taking care of the goods of the Silent Stelwart Athletic Club for ten months, Mr. Christenson was presented with a meagre quarter and some thanks. What a pity!

A cousin of L. O. Christenson who was visiting him for a few days, owned a restaurant in Alaska and has a pocket full of gold nuggets. She with her son is on her way to Nevada.

Pres. Hanson spent two days in looking over his ranch at Leavenworth. Orla Little helped the Hansons move. He says he worked like a nigger. A very—did you ever see a nigger work?

Albert Hole was hungry for fried chicken, so he and Mrs. Turrill together bought a big hen and kind Mrs.

Swangren consented to cook it for them. It made a fine dinner, being gotten up partly in honor of Mr. Turrill.

A navy yard officer made the children of C. K. McConnell a present of three little rabbits. He also gave three to the children of Hugo Holcomb, who, as a gardener in the navy yard, enjoy all the vegetables he wants for nothing.

Mr. S. T. Walker, who was recently appointed Superintendent of the Missouri School, was married Sept. 2, to Eva Estella Bevans at Scranton, Pa. In behalf of the many friends of Supt. Walker we extend congratulations and best wishes.

Last Thursday Mrs. Gustin was showing a caller the cards her son sent her from Alaska, telling her that he was in Nome. About half an hour after the caller had left, this very son unexpectedly made his appearance, much to the joy of his mother.

Several of the deaf here enjoy the privileges of some club. Mr. Hanson belongs to the Mountaineers, Swedish and Architectal clubs, Ernest Swangren to the Y. M. C. A., Albert Hole to the Motor Cycle Club and James Meagher to the Seattle Athletic Club.

Mrs. Clara Lellie surprised Mrs. Gustin by dropping in last week, after coming all the way from Granville, Alaska, to have her child receive skilled surgical treatment. Her husband will join her as soon as he has sold his gold mine and they will then make their home here.

Elsie Peterson and Mabel Scanlan have left for Gallaudet College. Willie West and Orla Little and several others will leave for the Vancouver school next Wednesday on the 8 a. m. Northern Pacific. Mr. and Mrs. Meagher leave for there to-morrow to prepare for the pupils arrival.

Saturday the Silent Stalwarts Athletic club officially disbanded after a checkered existence. The four folding card tables were auctioned off at the P. S. A. D. and the club treasury was equally divided among the twelve members remaining in good standing. Not profiting by the lesson, Pres. McConnell forthwith laid plans to organize a “Frat” chapter here. Poor McConnell.



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THE PRINTER'S ERROR.

“My pigmy counterpart,” the poet wrote

Of his dear child, the darling of his heart;

Then longed to clutch the stupid printer's throat

That set it up, “My pig, my counterpart.”

—Harper's Weekly.

THE IDEA.

“The way that man looked at me was most insulting.”

“Did he stare?”

“No; he looked once and then turned away as if I were not worth noticing!”—London Opinion.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

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CAFETERIAS.

Good Place to Eat at

Wing's Cafeteria

1409 FIRST AVE., SEATTLE

Bible Class for the deaf meet's on the third Sunday each month at 3:30 p. m. in Trinity Parish Church, corner Eighth Ave. & James St. All welcome. Olof Hanson, Lay-reader, in charge.

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Second and fourth Saturday evening of each month at 7:30 o'clock.

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CHICAGO

The Home Fund Picnic's financial success dispersed the hopes of anti-Home supporters. According to gate-men's figures, 362 tickets were taken in. Ideal weather, submitting gracefully to discipline in the earlier part of Labor Day, helped to swell the crowd and the returns. Chairman Cowhick, young as he is in experience of managing a huge undertaking, was showered with congratulations upon pulling it out of what seemed to be a dismal failure, because the announcement of date and place had not been sent broadcast many weeks before, as he later explained. It is estimated that less than half of the crowd poured into the park from outlying towns, Joliet turning out the largest number.

Pinto donned a khaki suit, Gerber with his trick dog, Houston wearing the Johnson smile, Kleinhaus of the Gotch type, Selby the deaf-blind wonder, and other celebrities were the surprises of the day. The Frat was represented by Fred P. Gibson, and The Silent Observer and The Silent Herald by Frank E. Philpott. Rev. G. F. Flick, Rev. P. J. Hasenstab and Rev. H. S. Rutherford were there, the former receiving the names of Chicagoans for Bacheberle's 1912 Directory; so were the newlyweds. Gano sent the largest family and a happier one could be found nowhere. The Witte camera was a popular hit.

Toward sundown refreshments and ten gallons of ice cream were cleaned up, and many hungry stomachs were perforce attended to at home.

Wm. W. Sayles is enjoying a three weeks' vacation in Wisconsin and New York. A greater part will be spent in rustication on his father's farm at Potsdam.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Meagher (née Bauman-Carpenter) have been pleasantly apprised of the good news of their appointment to positions at the Vancouver School for the Deaf. A combination of intellectual genius and popularity is hard to beat.

Mrs. Wm. O'Neil of La Crosse, Wis., is visiting with Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Dougherty.

Messrs. David Friedman of Cleveland, Edward Haslam of Georgetown, and Henry Swords of Springfield were Labor Day visitors.

Alfred Cashman returned home to Montana after participating in the Home Fund picnic.

Hens are producing a daily average of 50 eggs to increase the income of Otto Pauling of Monee. Indeed, easy rests the head that wears a crown of prosperity.

On Sept. 9, at the First M. E. Church, Dr. Geo. Dougherty related reminiscences of the Delavan conven-

tion to the Epworthians and their friends. The lecture was highly appreciated. The League will have its regular literary and social meeting at said church on the first Saturday of every month. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Supt. S. T. Walker of the Fulton, Mo., School of the Deaf, has re-married. His many friends wish him and his bride a smooth sail on the tempestuous sea of matrimony.

Educating Deaf-Mutes.

In commenting upon the article "\$6,500 for Talking Hand," which was published in the Observer of August 31, Mr. W. F. Schneider, now at Effingham, Ill., sent to the Inland Printer the following communication:

"I have been a subscriber of your very interesting publication for about two years, and during that time usually read each number from cover to cover.

The August number came to hand a few days ago and, while reading it I came upon an item that caused me to smile.

Under the caption, "\$6,000 for 'Talking Hand,'" you say that the deaf-mute's hand that was crushed was his "talking hand," thereby compelling him to return to school to learn to talk with the other hand.

That statement is absurd. I am a deaf-mute, and all deaf-mutes, besides those who know the deaf, will smile if they should see this item. But I don't blame you, for you don't seem to know the deaf or anything about methods of their education. You doubtless relied on reports, and I am just trying to give you better information.

All deaf-mutes talk with both hands. The sign language is a two-handed language, and there is both a single and double hand alphabet, but the deaf in this country almost entirely employ the single-hand alphabet, while in England the double is largely used. The single hand does not imply an alphabet for the right hand and a different one for the left, no more than there is one way of kicking with the right foot and a different way with the left.

Deaf-mutes are not taught to talk with their hands while in schools, but pick up the sign language and manual spelling as they go through the course. But they are taught to talk by word of mouth with more or less success.

I am a graduate of the Ohio State School for the Deaf, at Columbus, also of Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C., the only college for deaf-mutes in the world; taught a literary class in the Oregon School for the Deaf at Salem two and one-half years, and taught printing in the Washington

State School for the Deaf the past five years. I am now learning photoengraving here."

PORTLAND.

Willie Spieler is back after spending the summer at Dayton, Wash., and various places and has secured a job at the Portland shingle mill.

Miss Ethel Ritchie of Colorado Springs, paid a pleasant visit with Mrs. Read week before last. She spent a greater part of her vacation with her sister in Canada.

Miss Alice, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf, has been appointed as one of the oral teachers at the Washington School for the Deaf.

Miss Etta Eslinger, who has been making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Lou Divine at Vancouver, Wash., the past four years, spent a month here, the guest of Mrs. Delaney.

Messrs. Schlatter and Matthers left on the 4th for Southern Oregon where they expect to spend a couple of months hunting deer and bears.

S. T. Walker, new superintendent of the Fulton, Mo., school, was married to Miss Bevens of Scranton, Penn., on Sept. 2nd. Congratulations.

Miss Fay Newth and George Schmidt spent Sunday the 27th with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stalker on their farm at Silverton, Oregon. It is reported the latter are living comfortably and that they prefer country life to city. Mrs. W. F. Schneider is spending a week with them.

Henry Nelson visited with Mr. and Mrs. Divine Sept. 3rd. He and Mr. Divine both are semi-mutes and can hear some. They talked with each other through a "talk-o-phone."

There is to be a wedding in the near future. Who is it?

The P. D. M. Society was re-opened Saturday the 2nd with a small attendance. As no program had been arranged for the evening each one told about his or her vacation. A business meeting will be held on the first Saturday in October.

The N. F. S. D. held a basket social at University Park last Saturday evening. There were so many pretty baskets that the judges had some difficulty in deciding which one was the prettiest. Mrs. Bennick won the prize for the prettiest and Mrs. Brown for the highest priced one, which was bought for three dollars by Mr. Lawrence Gromachy. A neat sum of seventeen dollars was made and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by all present.

OREGONIAN.

New Mexico, in her new constitution, has taken the right idea in regard to her Deaf School and put it in the same class with the State University and State Normal Schools.

N. A. D. NEXT CONVENTION.

SUMMARY

Below is a brief resume of offers and claims of different cities.

ATLANTA

At the Colorado Convention the Southern delegates made a strong and creditable effort to secure the next convention for Atlanta. A statement has been made that they offered to raise \$1500.00 for the convention. This, however, has been denied by one of the two official delegates to the convention, and the denial has not been challenged.

The offer of Atlanta was withdrawn because the Chairman of the Ex. Com. would not put a motion to select Atlanta at the time they thought it should be put.

Later, when the consideration of the next meeting place was taken up by the Executive Committee Atlanta decided to re-enter the race. Certain deaf in Atlanta pledged themselves to raise \$1000.00 for the convention, and to "work for an attendance of 1500 or more."

Since then, however, important changes have taken place. I am informed that the Optimist has suspended publication, and that Mrs. Jackson, who was the leading spirit in the movement to hold the convention in Atlanta, has moved to Texas.

Whether the promises made by the "Atlanta Deaf" would be carried out under the changed conditions is an open question.

OMAHA

The delegates from Nebraska and Iowa also made a spirited fight to secure the convention for Omaha. They were backed by the Commercial Club of Omaha with promises of practical and substantial aid.

The only serious objection made to Omaha (aside from personal objections entertained by a few individuals) is that it is too near Colorado Springs to be entitled to the next convention.

The deaf in that section are united, and decidedly in earnest to have the convention held there. The passage of the Oral law in Nebraska is urged as a reason for holding the convention there, and this argument deserves the most careful consideration.

ST. LOUIS

An offer from the business men of St. Louis was presented at Colorado Springs, but the secretary's records give no details, and nothing further has been heard from the city. Rev. Mr. Cloud, who presented the invitation from St. Louis, has expressed himself in favor of Omaha.

ABERDEEN

A liberal offer from the business men of Aberdeen, S. D. was presented at Colorado Springs. The offer, however, has since been withdrawn in the interest of harmony.

MINNEAPOLIS

When the fight between Atlanta and

Omaha grew acrimonious and threatened to disrupt the Association, Minneapolis came forward with an offer for the Convention. No specific promises were made, but the city based it claims on its past performances in entertaining the Association.

KALAMAZOO

The deaf of Kalamazoo through Mr. M. M. Taylor have given the Association a cordial and earned invitation to meet there. They are strongly backed by the citizens and business men of the city. The deaf of Michigan have also given the city cordial endorsement.

CLEVELAND

Mainly through suggestions from outside the Cleveland Association extended to us a cordial invitation to meet there. The deaf of the city have not shown any enthusiasm; but this is urged as the very best reason why the Association should meet there—in order to awaken the enthusiasm of the deaf. It is proposed to have the deaf of all Ohio assist in entertaining the Convention.

In conclusion I wish to say a few words as to the considerations that in my opinion should govern in the selection of a meeting place.

The first consideration should be to develop the strength and usefulness of the Association. After giving due weight to other matters, such as geographical location, cordiality of invitation, earnestness of those making it, benefit to the locality selected, the determining factor should be what selection will tend to give the Association the greatest strength and development in order that it may best serve the interests of the deaf. This is a question for each member of the Ex. Committee to ask himself, and I am confident that the combined judgment of the Committee will answer it right.

A large convention is not necessary, not even desirable, from the standpoint of effectiveness. A convention of one thousand would be unwieldy. How long would it take to count one thousand votes in a meeting? If we can get together two or three hundred of the most intelligent deaf in the country we should have an ideal convention capable of doing the most good for the deaf. Arrangements will be made so that those who cannot attend the conventions in person can have a say in the proceedings through proxies.

Entertainment and pleasure, while an important adjunct of a convention, should not be made the main feature. Those who attend chiefly on account of the amusement provided are not apt to be useful members of the Association. Let us place "business before pleasure."

What is most needed for the success of the Association is harmony and good will among the deaf. With the co-operation of the deaf at large almost any of the cities named could have a successful convention. Without such co-operation, none can.

And now, having presented the adv-

antages of the several cities as fairly as I could, and as fully as space and time permitted, it is for the Executive Committee to decide on the location.

The vote will be taken Sept. 18th. Members may vote for any city in the list, and to facilitate a decision, each will give first and second choice, and a second ballot will be taken in case no decision is reached on the first. Blanks for voting will be mailed to each member before the time set for the vote.

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